

**Probation Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

January 11, 2002  
Minutes

The Probation Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, January 11, 2002 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

1. Members present. Mary Harper, Diana LaViolette, Richard Good, Kathleen Coriden, Joseph Howell, Thomas Gray, Thomas Perrone, and John Surbeck, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jane Seigel, Jenny Bauer, Bob Champion, and Michelle Goodman provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The committee approved the minutes from the October 19, 2001 meeting.
4. Legislation. Jenny Bauer distributed copies of Senate Bills 299 (requires lifetime probation for repeat sex offenders), 210 (requires life imprisonment without parole for repeat child molesters), 298 (also requires life imprisonment without parole for repeat child molesters), and 367 (makes changes to the sex offender registry).
5. State funding of trial courts proposal. Jenny Bauer distributed copies of the portion of House Bill 1003 that deals with the state taking over funding of the trial courts. Lilia Judson, Executive Director of State Court Administration, answered questions for the committee on the specifics of the proposal. The committee discussed how state funding may affect probation and will track this bill in the legislature.
6. Probation Officers Annual Meeting. Bob Champion distributed a handout listing the dates for the 2002 Annual Meeting of Probation Officers. The meeting will be May 9 and 19 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The Probation Committee will host an open forum on May 9 for probation officers to discuss their concerns with committee members. Mr. Champion invited all committee members to attend the forum.
7. New Probation Officer Orientation. Bob Champion distributed a draft memo prepared by Judicial Center staff at the request of the committee at the October meeting. The memo informs chief probation officers of the requirements for attendance at the orientation (only full-time probation officers employed by an Indiana court following the Schedule of Minimum Salaries for Probation Officers) and informs that departments not in

compliance with the salary schedule will not be allowed to send officers to the orientation. Although the committee re-affirmed the 1997 attendance policy at the October 2001 meeting, the committee voted to change the policy to allow part-time probation officers to attend the orientation. The revised policy allows part-time probation officers to attend the orientation if they meet the salary schedule and the caseload classification standards on a pro rata basis. Departments who send part-time probation officers to the orientation will be responsible for the expense of the person's attendance (hotel room, meals). The committee requested that Judicial Center staff rewrite the memo to reflect the change in orientation attendance policy.

8. Salary schedule. The committee agreed that any discussion of changes to the probation officer salary schedule should be held after the fate of HB 1003 in the legislature is known. The committee voted to table discussion of the Schedule of Minimum Salaries for Probation Officers until the next meeting. When the committee discusses the salary schedule at the next meeting, they will consider the framework of the schedule, extending the longevity provision past 5 years, enforcement authority, and notifying departments that are not in compliance with the schedule.
9. Interstate Compact. Jenny Bauer distributed copies of a portion of the minutes from the December 2001 Board of Directors meeting on the topic of the Interstate Compact. She explained that Judge Bridges of Monroe Circuit Court brought the issue before the Board of Directors and a lengthy discussion was held. Chief Justice Shepard suggested that it was in the best interest of Indiana to be included in national discussions on the proposed New Interstate Compact. The Board will send a representative to the next Parole and Probation Administrators' Association meeting to present Indiana's concerns. Judicial Center staff will draft a letter detailing the Board's Compact concerns to send to the PPCAA president prior to the PPCAA meeting. The committee decided that it would work on a list of concerns at the next meeting to put into a similar letter.
10. Next meeting. The next meeting of the Probation Committee is scheduled for February 15, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at the Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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